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**PRELIMINARY REMARKS**

Sir:

The following indicates the general correspondence between the present claims 1-9 and claims in the parent application, application number 09/819,350.

Present Claims	Parent Application Claims
1	33 + 40
2	34
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6	46 + 48
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8	50 + 51
9	52

In the Office Action mailed 30 May 2003 in the parent application, claims 40 and 48 were indicated allowable if placed in independent form and claim 51 was not rejected over the art. Accordingly, claims 1-9 should be in condition for allowance.

Present claims 10-18 are similar to present claims 1-9 except that (1) multi-wing blood flow blocking element has been changed to blood flow blocking element comprising structural members which define openings therebetween, and (2) an actuator is now recited in present claims 15 and 17.

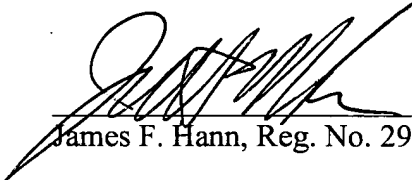
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Present claims 19-26 are similar to allowed application claims 53, 55, 57, 58, 60, 65, 67 and 68 of parent patent application number 09/819,350 except that (1) multi-wing blood flow blocking element has been changed to blood flow blocking element comprising structural members which define openings therebetween, and (2) an actuator is now recited in present claim 25.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would aid the prosecution of this case in any way, please call the undersigned at (650) 712-0340.

Respectfully submitted,

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